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Israel submits suggestions for changing Covenant to Arafat

ISRAEL has submitted to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat four ways to change the Palestinian Covenant...

scenario. Adoption of a new covenant that would not call for the destruction of Israel...

STEVE RODAN meeting in Jerusalem. Taub, who listed the above three options...

Officials said amending the Palestinian Covenant is no longer solely an Israeli or Palestinian issue...

the PNC to muster the two-thirds majority necessary to change the covenant...



A soldier at the Mt. Herzl military cemetery stands over the graves of comrades killed in Sunday's bus bombing in Jerusalem.

Peres links Hebron pullout to PA crackdown on Hamas

IF Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat does not crack down on Islamic militants...

DAVID MAKOVSKY no longer be the case. "You have public legitimacy, and you have the means...

society. This will be one of the things we are going to correct [in talks with him]...

Bombers were Hebron-area Hamas men

TWO men from a refugee camp south of Hebron have been identified as the likely perpetrators of Sunday's Jerusalem and Ashkelon bombings...

JON IMMANUEL According to a preliminary GSS investigation, the two left their camp immediately after the closure was lifted on Friday...

bombings. El-Fawar, south of the settlement of Hagai, is a relatively small and quiet camp with 5,000 residents...

Likud deal with Levy in Tsomet's hands

A DEAL to bring David Levy's party into the Likud-Tsomet ticket now depends on whether Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan will agree to cut its slots to make room for Levy's people...

SARAH HONG They note that the great change on his part is his willingness to deal with his arch-adversary Netanyahu, even if via an intermediary...

leave Likud with only 26 slots, and risk a ground swell of resentment against Netanyahu and the possible failure of some of Likud's leading figures to enter the Knesset...

Shahak: Hamas preparing wing to continue terror

HAMAS is preparing a secret wing which would continue terror attacks even if the organization were to reach an agreement with the Palestinian Authority...

LIAT COLLINS stopping terror. Shahak also said Hamas and Islamic Jihad are highly motivated to continue attacks...

infrastructure but was "influenced by a group of other interests." Shahak said the period of quiet which ended with Sunday's bombings was due to the actions of the Israeli security forces...

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Police: J'lem crash almost certainly a terror attack

MONDAY afternoon's incident in which a car crashed into a crowded north Jerusalem bus stop was "in all probability" a terror attack by an Islamic fundamentalist...

BILL HUTMAN Islamic Jihad was found in Hamideh's car. However, Amit added, Hamideh was not a known member of the Islamic Jihad or any other terror group...

jurisdiction. Those reports, in both the Arabic and Hebrew press, depicted Hamideh as an emotionally unstable, ex-drug addict who had become a fanatic Moslem...

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Syrian talks resume today in Maryland

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

ISRAELI-Syrian peace talks, which resume in Maryland today, are to focus on a peacetime separation of forces, peace process coordinator Uri Savir told Israeli reporters yesterday. Jerusalem and Damascus resume negotiations over security arrangements at Maryland's Wye River Conference Center after a month-long break. The round is due to end next Wednesday. Savir will be joined at the talks by ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, Foreign Ministry legal advisor Yoel Singer, IDF planning department head Shaul Mofaz and his predecessor Gen. Uzi Dayan. An Israeli official said here that in approaching final status talks with the Palestinians this spring, Jerusalem views as red lines any division of Jerusalem and the return of Palestinian refugees to Israeli territory. "While we are flexible on certain issues, this the Palestinians must understand," the official said.

Another red line from our point of view is not to let Palestinian refugees back in to what will, after the [final-status] agreement, be Israeli sovereign territory, as opposed to whatever the Palestinian entity will be. The official also stated that in any agreement with Damascus, "we have very little, if any, flexibility" in compromising over Israeli water sources, with "75 percent" of Lake Kinneret's supply coming from the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon, and that the sides will have to seek a solution based on "objective water needs." Syria, meanwhile, has accused Israel of obstinacy, and expects no major results from the new round of peace talks. Defense Minister Lt.-Gen. Mustafa Tlas said Syria will never cede any of its demands during the peace talks, including its call for full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Hundreds at funeral of terror car victim

DAVID RUDGE and HERB KEINON

HUNDREDS of people attended the funeral yesterday of Flora Yehiel, who was struck and killed in Jerusalem on Monday by a Palestinian terrorist. Yehiel was standing with her sister Iris Mizrahi, from Beit El, in a crowd of people at the French Hill junction bus stop when the car crashed into them. It was her first visit to her sister, whom she had asked to arrange a meeting with two leading rabbis so she could receive their blessing for a full and speedy recovery before she underwent treatment for cancer. She had managed to meet with one of the rabbis before she was killed in the terror attack. Yehiel, 28, her husband and their two young children, Batel, six, and 18-month-old Nathaniel, had been living in Kiryat Ata for the past two years. Shocked neighbors described her as a very quiet woman, whom everybody had gotten to like in the relatively short time the family had been living in their apartment on Rehov Havatikin. Mizrahi, who was injured in the leg in the attack, attended the funeral in a wheelchair. Mizrahi's husband, Haim, was killed by ter-

rorists near Beit El in 1993. Describing Monday's attack, Mizrahi told Arutz 7 radio yesterday. "All of a sudden a blue car ran into us. I was pushed back, and I looked for my sister when I came to. I saw that she was critically wounded; I screamed and asked someone to help her." Mizrahi was taken away in an ambulance, and later told that her sister had died. Mizrahi said she had no doubt that the crash was an intentional terror attack, and not a traffic accident. She said that the public was told that it was an accident "because they want to keep the public quiet before the elections... they don't want to cause an uproar. But I know this was an attack, that it was planned in advance in order to kill and injure innocent people." Some mourners at the Kiryat Ata cemetery complained about the absence of a government representative, despite the fact that Yehiel was killed in a terror attack. Kiryat Ata Mayor David Re'em, in his eulogy, vowed that everything would be done to help her family and especially her young children.

France's chief rabbi coming for burial here of student

BATSHEVA TSUR

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Calyne Zagury arrived in Israel alone a month-and-a-half ago from Paris to study at Bar-Ilan University. She was the last victim of Sunday's bus bombing to be identified, and will be buried today in Jerusalem at Har Hamenuhot after DNA tests on her parents clearly established her identity. The chief rabbi of France, Rabbi Siruk, will be flying in this morning for the funeral. With Zagury's death, the number of immigrants killed in Sunday's bus bombing in Jerusalem rose to nine. Zagury, who was attending a preparatory Hebrew course at the university, in anticipation of commencing regular studies, had spent the Sabbath with her cousins in Jerusalem. She decided to return to the campus early as her first class began at 8:30, and took

the fateful No. 18 bus. One of her relatives went to the site, where she heard about the bombing. Among the debris, she spotted a family picture and realized that Zagury must have been on the bus. However, positive identification of the remains was impossible and Zagury's parents, who flew here immediately after they heard she was missing, were subjected to DNA tests at the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute. Early yesterday morning, they were told the body was indeed their daughter's. Yesterday, 21 victims of the Jerusalem bus bombing were still hospitalized in city hospitals; 10 of them in serious condition. Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital reported that it had eight patients hospitalized with light wounds from the bus attack there Sunday. All but one are soldiers.

Palestinian refuses to halt, shot by IDF

News agencies

IDF soldiers shot and wounded a Palestinian man last night in the Gaza Strip, Israeli and Palestinian officials said. The IDF said one of its patrols stopped a Palestinian car on the main north-south road through Gaza, which is under Israeli control. When one passenger ran away and did not respond to calls to stop, the soldiers opened fire and hit him, the army said. Settlers said the soldiers opened fire after the driver ran a roadblock at Kfar Darom in the strip. However a top PLO security official said the driver stopped and was shot for no reason.

US mourners say goodbye to young couple

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

A GRIEVING community said good-bye yesterday to Sara Duker, and spoke of a happy, promising life cut tragically short. Sara, 22, of Teaneck, New Jersey, and her fiancée, Matthew Eisenfeld, a rabbinical student, died Sunday in the Jerusalem bus bombing. A procession of mourners overwhelmed Beth Shalom, a Conservative congregation in Teaneck, a suburban New York community where nine synagogues serve some 4,000 Jews. More than 1,000 people packed the two sanctuaries, while another 200 stood outside on the lawn, under gray and threatening skies, listening to the service over a loudspeaker. For many, the painful rite will be revived today when services are held for Matt Eisenfeld, near his home in West Hartford, Connecticut. The two will be buried alongside each other in Connecticut. Surrounded by her two other daughters and the Eisenfeld family, Arlene Duker told reporters before the funeral that it was the families' hope that "the beautiful way our children lived will be remembered much more than the way they died." "We are comforted by the knowledge that they were where they wanted to be, doing exactly what they wanted to do, fulfilling their dreams," Duker said.

LEVY

(Continued from Page 1) We have already paid our dues when I agreed to cede the second slot and when I withdrew from the race for prime minister. Meanwhile, heavy pressure is being brought on Eitan to soften his stance. Levy is reputedly firm in his demand to get every bit as much as Tsomet, although his party, unlike Tsomet, has not been tested in the polls. If a deal is struck, it will have to be approved by a special majority in the Likud central committee, where at least half of the 3,600 members must approve it, as well as the earlier agreement with Tsomet. The attempt to bring Levy back into an alliance with the Likud is another in a long line of acquisitions by Netanyahu in recent months. He lured several of Levy's top supporters back to the Likud, and got former OC Northern Command Yitzhak Mordechai and former deputy GSS chief Gideon Ezra to join the Likud.

SHAHAK

(Continued from Page 1) hombers because they are the most difficult to fight. "All you need is a detonator, explosives and the scum willing to kill themselves," he said, adding that there is not a new generation of "Engineers." Shahak said the decision to close the territories was not to blame for the attack. He said even when a closure is imposed, the number of people entering illegally is similar to that of those entering with permits. Shahak called for stronger law enforcement against employers bringing in workers illegally despite the closure. He said a closure could only be imposed if a specific warning was received. "It's naive to believe the attacks will disappear if a closure is imposed," he said.

Jordanians to be released ISRAEL will soon release 36 Jordanians held on charges of infiltrating Israel and military activities, Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Muasher said yesterday. *Reuters*

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Invited guests from Sarajevo will speak on "The Jewish Community in Bosnia and its role in current events"



The Anti-Defamation League mourns for the victims of the terrorist attacks, and expresses condolences to the families, and to the nation of Israel.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of **ILSE MORITZ** נ"ל née Ringwald

Daughter, **Miri Seligmann (Moritz)** and family
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Brother, **Itzhak Ringwald** and family

Likud and Levy: Something for everyone

ANALYSIS
SARAH HONIG

THE fact that David Levy is at all willing to deal with the man he loves to hate - Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu - is no miraculous surprise. Levy's new party is not taking off as he had hoped - there is little enthusiasm, hardly any momentum and even less money coming in. The polls do not augur well either, which is why Levy, despite his anti-Netanyahu vendetta, is willing to talk now at all. But the polls are also why Netanyahu is willing to give Levy a dream deal, far more than he would have ever considered when he stood his ground last year and let Levy walk out of the Likud. At the time, Netanyahu vowed not to give in to extortion; now Levy is being offered more than he ever demanded. While the polls indicate that the newborn Gesher party will be quite small, they also show Levy biting some 5 percent into Netanyahu's support in the prime ministerial contest. Netanyahu believes he must win in the first round, when he can expect meaningful harded support because voters will also be casting ballots in the Knesset elections. If a runoff is forced by Levy, Netanyahu cannot count on all the haredim turning out again just to vote for him. This is a crucial consideration because Peres already has the Arab vote on his side and therefore a significant advantage to begin with. For Netanyahu, there must be only one round of voting, which means eliminating all other candidates.

This is why Netanyahu made the deal with Tsomet, and why he is willing to consider what only recently was unthinkable as far as Levy is concerned. A deal with Levy is also the biggest gamble imaginable for Netanyahu. He could be accused of sacrificing his party on the altar of his prime ministerial race. The Likud stands to be grossly under-represented in its own list and its MKs replaced by very troublesome additions who could not be relied on in the future. The Likud candidates will have to vie hard in an unnaturally crowded field just to see Levy sidekicks, former Likud members, sail in without the rigors of the fight for political survival. This in the long run could codaoger Netanyahu's standing in his own party. Even if his talks with Levy fail, he will still be accused of having failed in his resolve against him. If he makes a deal with Levy but loses the premiership, he will have saddled the Likud with a Trojan horse, which could conceivably rent the party asunder, or in the very least return the Likud to the bad old days from which Netanyahu claimed to have extricated it. Levy, in contrast, has nothing to lose except sweet revenge. Netanyahu is willing to let him have the second slot and more MKs than Levy could ever have won under the primary system. Levy might even receive an underdog status to be foreign minister if Netanyahu, against the odds, beats Peres.

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Deeply mourned.
Shiva: 29/4 Ahuza, Ra'anana.

The Seminary of Judaic Studies and The Jewish Theological Seminary of America mourn the untimely deaths of our students and friends
MATTHEW EISENFELD and SARA DUKER נ"ל
May their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
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Rifka Somekh
Dan Somekh
Gad Somekh
Please refrain from condolence visits.

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FRED SASSOON SOMEKH O.B.E.
A founder of the firm and send condolences to Rifka, Dan and Gad

Bar-Ilan University Office of the Dean of Students Mechina for New Immigrants
With much sorrow, we weep over the untimely and tragic death of our student
CALYNE ZAGURY נ"ל
who was a passenger on the No. 18 bus which was bombed by terrorists on Sunday.
We extend sincere condolences to her dear family, and to all of Israel who are in mourning.
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The international leadership and the staff of the State of Israel Bonds Organization deeply mourn the death of the innocent victims of the terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon and send heartfelt condolences to their families and the people of Israel. We wish all the wounded a *retuah shlema*.
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Weizman's wisdom

APPARENTLY smarting from criticism of his pronouncements following past terrorist outrages, President Ezer Weizman has kept a low profile since Sunday's attack.

better shape up. "If they don't find solutions [to the terrorist problem], the situation will get worse, also as a result of our responses," he warned.

Devious deals

ISRAELI commentators discussing the dubious affairs of certain politicians have often wistfully cited the British code of honor which swiftly removed from office any minister or parliamentarian who failed to live up to the high standards of public office.

sion to be drawn from the Scott Report findings was clear - both of these high officials misled and should have quit, or should be fired.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EXCESSIVE FORCE Sir, - I was pleased to read Congressman James P. Moran's column in The Jerusalem Post of February 14, "A blow to true peace."

WHIZ KID Sir, - With reference to Sue Fishkoff's article of February 12, "It's tough being a whiz kid," the Dean of Students of the Technion, Prof. Menahem Khatrov, has made the following statement regarding Gabi Lukacs:

CAR TAXES Sir, - My husband and I are in the process of pricing cars on the market. We have become aware that, although there are new cars available in the NIS 55,000 to NIS 75,000 price range, they do not come equipped with the AAA safety package, which includes anti-lock brakes and airbags, even as an option.

JUDY SCHMELL Spokesman, The Technion



For Sara

NORA SELENGUT

Last Purim, Sara Duker and I bought fluorescent paint and painted flowers and rainbows on each other's cheeks in celebration of the holiday.

Mainstream manifesto

THE soul of the PLO. That's how the late Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi described the PLO National Covenant.

MORTON A. KLEIN agreement. If they will not respect it, there won't be a continuation of the agreement.

liberation of Palestine will destroy the Zionist and imperialist presence" (Article 22) and even calls on "all states" to "consider Zionism an illegitimate movement, to outlaw its existence, and ban its operations" (Article 23).

Insult and official injury

WITH so much injustice, with so many manifestations of man's inhumanity to man both near and far, I was surprised by the intensity of the rage I felt when I read the article headlined "Jerusalem Municipality takes no steps against manager who insults Arab workers" (The Jerusalem Post, February 16).

VERONIKA COHEN Jews are such pushy and over-sensitive people.

In enlightened America, my father introduced me to his boss, a kind, elderly lady, and a devout Christian. This is what she said: "We like your father so much, we even let him go home early on Fridays - though if you people could stop being so obstinate and accept our lord..."

Handwritten signature or note at the bottom of the page.

For Sara



Some 200,000-400,000 Rwandan children were orphaned or separated from their families from 1994 to 1995.

Picking up the pieces of a tragedy

Israelis are playing a major role in helping Rwanda recover from genocide, Jessica Steinberg reports

In June 1994, Erez Yanuv joined two Swahili truck drivers in Nairobi and drove a tractor-trailer full of Israeli biscuits and medical supplies into Rwanda. For five days, the Cambodian hammock in the back of the trailer and had to communicate in sign language with his cab mates, as the only Swahili he knew was the word for "shalom."

life for its people. "Israel has an obligation to help a nation in need," insists Yanuv, who has a predilection for flying halfway across the world to cover countries in desperate straits. "We have the strength to do it; as Israelis we have to be at the forefront of the struggle... it's our moral obligation as Jews."

and find a way to help our survivors. I saw from AMCHA that the sorrow continues for generations, touching survivors' children and relatives as well. Yanuv is concerned with helping to solve Rwanda's seemingly insurmountable problems and rebuild its societal structure.

A suspected killer. How do you cope with that? She also observed the plight of the children during her two-week stay. According to Scharf, who added that all figures are semi-official, over 70 percent of Rwandan families are headed by women, as men were murdered, imprisoned or interned in refugee camps, and are, essentially, "anywhere but home."

How to choose a caregiver for your baby

PARENTING RUTH MASON

At what age is it appropriate to put a baby in group care? A caregiver comes to my home 10 hours a week to take care of my six-month-old while I work part time. I'm thinking about putting my baby in group care for some additional hours but I've heard the caregivers don't hold the babies enough or really give them what they need. What do you think?

Rachel Dan, social worker and former coordinator of at-home child caregivers, says:

There are some excellent mishpachot (child nurseries in the home of the caregiver) with very good caregivers.

Supervisors come once a week to be with the caregivers for as long as two hours, and once every two weeks, the caregivers get group supervision. During my work as a supervisor, I did occasionally end the employment of caregivers who weren't up to snuff.

The whole idea of the mishpachot is that it imitates the family. That's why they are located in homes and not in community centers, and why they have a mix of ages - from three months to three years.

This is done purposely so there will be more of a family feeling. The caregivers I worked with were highly motivated and attended a weekly class at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. They put a lot of energy and effort into their work.

If you do decide on group care, I would advise putting your child in a mishpachot that has municipal supervision. But it is also possible to find excellent, unsupervised caregivers. You have to visit and get an impression.



Here's what to look for when you visit: Does the caregiver love her work? Is the home clean but not so obsessively neat that the children can't play freely? Is the atmosphere a pleasant one in which the children are supervised but not over-protected? Are pre-sitting infants fed while being held or in their carriages? Some caregivers prefer to feed babies in their strollers but this is not good for the baby.

The day should have a routine: e.g. time outside, followed by lunch, followed by a nap, or whatever works best for the kids.

Most of all, does the caregiver enjoy her work? If so, the day passes quickly. But if she's doing it just for the money, the day passes slowly for her and the children don't have fun.

With regard to the question about the baby's age, it depends on whether both parents are working. The books say that parents should spend as much time as possible with their young children. But our lives don't function according to books.

I stayed home with my first two children until they were three, but my third went to a mishpachot at eight months and was just as happy. If the choice is over a caregiver who comes to your home or a mishpachot, I would recommend a mishpachot, because the in-home caregiver might be doing this work as a stopgap between other things.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Freedom of a young immigrant pianist

WINNING is the best revenge for young immigrant pianist Dimitri Steinberg.

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Last summer, he was bitterly disappointed to come third in the Tel Hai "master classes" competition. Only a month later, the 18-year-old won several prestigious prizes at the Citta di Senigallia competition in Italy, including first prize in the 16- to 36-year-old age category, and the prize for singing accompaniment and for chamber-music playing.

This Saturday Steinberg will return to the scene of his earlier disappointment, performing Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto in a gala concert organized by the Tel Hai piano master classes at the Einav Center in Tel Aviv.

Steinberg immigrated with his family from the former Soviet Union in 1991. "It was my parents' decision, and they did it just for me," he explains in perfect Hebrew. "My piano teacher left and it was not a great time for the Jews, so it was obvious we had to leave, although I personally did not feel any troubles or danger."

Steinberg's mother had come here on a visit and returned with great impressions. "But once we came as new immigrants it was not the same. Our life was far from easy and only now is it settling. Only now do I really feel like an Israeli. I like the

language and I have contact with many Israelis. I feel that I'm part of this place now."

Steinberg attended the Thelma Yellin High School and for the first time "actually understood what it means to study English and math." Coming from Moscow's acclaimed Gnessin school of music, which specializes in preparing students for international careers, Steinberg was hardly prepared for the education system here.

"It was a nice school to attend, with lots of intelligent students and many new immigrants. But I was simply studying in the music division of a school that teaches other things too." In Moscow, he recalls, "the Gnessin school is an industry. It's a very competitive school but it produces excellent musicians."

In retrospect Steinberg concedes that the Gnessin school "does not allow any individual freedom. It's a factory that creates musicians. There is something mechanical about that system in which the art itself is negated."

Steinberg attended the Gnessin school for seven years. "When I was part of the system I really liked it a lot. I felt that I was a part of a very prestigious and professional organization, and I cherished the opportunities to perform."

And there was no antisemitism at the school. "Are you kidding? Eighty percent of the students there were Jews. The director was Jewish as were many of the teachers. But now they've all left."

Steinberg was born into a musical family but as a young boy "did not like to practice too much." Only at age 10 did he realize that he wanted to make music his life.

Today, in addition to music, "I write poetry, in Russian, and I paint too. I believe that any artist should look also beyond his own individual path."

Steinberg does not time his daily practice. "It's not the amount of time that matters but the quality and the level of concentration. Usually I practice three, four hours a day but obviously before competitions I practice much more."

He would rather do without competitions, but there is no better way to further a career: "I think I need to participate in one more small-scale competition before I try my luck in the bigger ones."

Next year he plans to enter the François Shapira Competition for Young Artists and then there is the next Arthur Rubinstein Master Piano Competition in 1998. Thinking about the future, Steinberg says: "I love Israel now but as a musician it's not wise to live here. The market here is very limited."

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TASE stable as investors await earnings report

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCK indexes finished little changed as investors awaited corporate earnings reports due over the next week to 10 days.

Construction stocks should begin to benefit from the building boom in Israel that started in 1993, Steinbruch said.

The Two-Sided index of 100 leading shares fell 0.13 percent to 209.74.

Elsewhere, the chemical company Maktshim finished up 0.5%.

Right behind Koor was Nice Systems Ltd., the Tel Aviv maker of voice recording and retrieval systems, up 6.5% percent.

The shekel finished at 3.1, stronger than yesterday's 3.106. (Bloomberg)

FTSE closes moderately higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Renter) - UK shares held on to gains posted in the morning to end slightly higher on the day.

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FRANKFURT - German shares closed bourse dealings ahead by 0.11 percent in stagnant, uncertain trade.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks closed modestly lower, after fluctuating aimlessly between modest gains and losses for most of the day.

PARIS - French shares ended higher, with interest focused on Valeo and speculation on Chargeurs, after trading in the holding company was suspended yesterday morning.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market drifted to a weaker close in dull trade after barely matching Monday's unspectacular levels of activity.

ZURICH - Swiss shares shrugged off a weak Wall Street and closed higher on buying in selected blue chips.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading and Two-sided trading headers for the stock market data.

Main table of Tel Aviv stock market data including company names, prices, and volume changes.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

Source: ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices for various global markets.

CURRENCY CROSS RATES table showing exchange rates for various currencies.

Off-duty SLA man killed, wife hurt, in attack

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was killed and his wife and three other soldiers were wounded in coordinated Hizbullah attacks yesterday morning on three separate SLA targets inside the security zone.

Reports from Lebanon said members of the Islamic Resistance, Hizbullah's fighting arm, blasted SLA posts in the A-Tiri, Hadatha and Rashaf areas. Two SLA soldiers were wounded, one seriously and the other moderately, when Sagger anti-tank missiles struck one of the positions. The third soldier was slightly hurt in mortar bombardments on another post. IDF and SLA gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah targets north

of the zone with a barrage of artillery, mortar and heavy machine-gun fire. There were no immediate reports of any casualties among the attackers. The wounded SLA soldiers and the wife of the off-duty soldier who was killed were treated in the field and later evacuated to nearby Bint J'bal hospital. Reports from Lebanon said IAF helicopter gunships also fired at Hizbullah targets around Rashaf and north of the zone in the Kafra and Yartar areas. The

reports said the helicopters came under very heavy anti-aircraft fire but were not hit. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying they had detonated a roadside bomb alongside the car of the off-duty soldier and had ambushed an SLA patrol, destroying an armored personnel carrier, as well as firing at several SLA positions over a five-kilometer area. News agencies reporting from Lebanon said three SLA soldiers had been killed and two others

wounded in the Hizbullah attacks, in contrast to the reports from the zone. Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that the IDF and SLA had detained dozens of people in the zone for questioning in connection with the abduction last week of a Lebanese man who had reportedly worked for the Mossad. According to reports from Lebanon, Ahmed Hallak was taken out of the zone in the trunk of a car after his whiskey was drugged. Hallak has been accused of be-

ing behind the Beirut car bomb blast in December 1994 in which three people were killed, including the brother of a leading Hizbullah activist. The reports said the operation was carried out by the Lebanese Army intelligence service with the aid of two defectors from the ranks of the SLA's security apparatus. According to newspaper reports, 14 SLA men were among those who had been questioned in connection with the abduction, as well as members of the family of the two alleged SLA defectors.

WEATHER

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Amman 4-12
Damascus 7-10
Dead Sea 8-23

Forecast: Partly cloudy, becoming fair.

Olmert: Jerusalem to issue bonds in US

THE Jerusalem Municipality plans to issue a half-million dollars worth of municipal bonds in the United States, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday, at a meeting with contractors regarding the development of the city. According to *The Telegraph* economic daily, Olmert said the bonds are being issued to provide easy financing of the city's development projects. Among the plans cited by Olmert is the construction of 5,000 hotel rooms in the city to handle the millions of tourists expected

in the year 2000. The municipality is also reportedly looking into tax breaks for those purchasing the bonds in the US. Purchasers of State of Israel Bonds already receive such a tax break, but approval of the US Congress would be required to obtain such status for the municipal bonds. Former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i is reportedly behind the idea, and is serving as an adviser on the project. He met recently with representatives of nine US financial institutions.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak attend a memorial service yesterday at Mount Herzl for the 444 IDF soldiers whose burial place is unknown. (Reuters)

More opportunities for women soldiers

THE planned changes in the IDF's manpower policy will include more womanpower, a meeting of a subcommittee of the Knesset's Committee for the Status of Women was told yesterday. The subcommittee for women in the IDF met with OC Women's Corps Brig.-Gen. Yisraela Oron and the head of the planning division in the Manpower Branch, Brig.-Gen. Yehuda Segev, to discuss the reorganization of soldiers' placement policy. Oron and Segev confirmed that changes are planned but are still in the formative stages. The main impact on women soldiers' service will be greater mainstreaming. Their current placement depends more on positions that are available after men soldiers have been placed and less on their capabilities and potential. Changes will include upgrading the functions of Women's Corps officers and drastically altering the role of the OC Women's Corps. "The idea is to increase the contribution to the IDF and to

benefit the girls themselves," said Oron. On the status of her own office, Oron said "The Women's Corps is only a means, not an end in itself. If there were optimal integration, the corps would not be necessary." She noted that complete integration is highly unlikely given the minimal percentage of women soldiers who serve in technical, combat and reserve duty positions. She said the IDF should trust male officers to be responsible for their women soldiers in the same way they are responsible for the men. A larger percentage of Women's Corps officers should be of higher rank and receive more training in coping with specifically women's issues, such as women's health and sexual harassment, she added. Questioned by committee chairwoman Naomi Chazan, Oron admitted she was only rarely consulted on general manpower planning issues.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ten years for molesting daughter
A Petah Tikva man convicted of sexually molesting his 14-year-old retarded daughter was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

The man, 39, was convicted on five counts of sexual assault that occurred in 1994 and 1995. According to the charges, he entered his daughter's bedroom at night and would get into bed with her. The father said he didn't remember committing the acts, suggesting it could have happened while he was drunk. *Jim*

Police opening station in eastern Jerusalem
Police will open a new station in the heart of eastern Jerusalem next week, demonstrating the country's intention of never giving up control of the city. Police Minister Moshe Shahal announced yesterday.

"This is our answer to those who say we are planning to make concessions on Jerusalem," Shahal said, at the annual Jerusalem police conference. "Jerusalem will be Israel's eternal capital, and no one will change this." The new station is to be located in the main post office building on Salah A-Din Street. It will be the first police station established in eastern Jerusalem outside the Old City by Israel. *Bill Human*

Sobol play sweeps Japan's theater awards
THE Japanese production of Yehoshua Sobol's *Ghetto* in Tokyo has virtually swept Japan's 1995 top theater and arts awards, winning three of the five categories in Japan's most prestigious theater prize, the Yomiuri Drama Awards. The drama took both best play and the grand prize, best director (Tamiya Kuriyama) and best set design (Yukio Horio). This is the first time that any play has taken three awards and the grand prize. *Helen Kaye*

Fred Somekh dies at 85
Fred Somekh, a former president of the International Congress of Public Accountants, died yesterday at age 85. Educated in Britain, Somekh was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1979, and the Bronze Medal of the City of Paris in 1967. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Police: Teacher-student ring was behind Jaffa crime wave

TWO teachers, a janitor and six teenage pupils from a Jaffa high school have been arrested on suspicion of committing dozens of crimes in the past three months, Israel Radio reported yesterday. The pupils, none of whom have a previous criminal record, confessed to breaking into 53 cars in Jaffa to steal tape decks. The teachers are suspected of cooperating with the pupils, and one of them, a 37-year-old Tira man, confessed to buying stolen tape decks and speakers from the students. The teachers allegedly encouraged the pupils to commit break-ins and helped hide the goods. The students, age 14 to 16, are also suspected of torching bus stops, municipal dumpsters and two cars, and have confessed to spreading glue on the locks to their doors so they could not be opened. The gang was uncovered about two weeks ago when Jaffa police caught two of the youngsters breaking into a car. They confessed, and police later arrested four of their friends. During their investigation, they told police they had been forced into dealing drugs by adults, some of whom bought stolen goods from them. The teachers, who live in the Triangle, were arrested early in the week when they returned to school after the Id al-Fitr holiday. The two were released on bail Monday. Police intend to charge 15 people in the case including the six students, two teachers, the janitor and six local residents. *(Iim)*

Law permits 6 days leave to treat partner's parents

LIAT COLLINS

WAGE earners can take six days sick leave a year to tend the parents of their partners, under a law which passed second and third readings in the Knesset last night.

Until now, wage earners could only take sick days to tend their children or their own parents if they were ill. The law does not allow both partners to take time off on the same pretext.

According to another law which passed final reading yesterday, a housewife who is not employed outside the home will be entitled to her own old-age benefits, as opposed to just a supplement to her husband's benefits. The law applies to housewives aged 65 and over, whereas working women are entitled to the benefits from age 60. It will apply only to women who turn 65 after the law comes into force.

The Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday approved for second and third reading an amendment to the Equal Opportunities Law under which men and women must receive equal pay for jobs that are of "equal value." The law until now has provided for equal pay for the same jobs only. The amendment also grants equal benefits to men and women.

Histadrut to sell \$26m. worth of diverse property

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut decided this week to sell 28 real estate properties around the country for an estimated \$26 million. The proceeds are intended to cover the costs of compensation fees for hundreds of workers who were dismissed or went on early retirement over the past year, as well as covering debts and the Histadrut's move to Jerusalem.

The most valuable properties to be sold include the Mishlav school building on Tel Aviv's Weizman Street; the Ohalo lot on the Kinneret coast which will probably serve as a hotel site; and football fields in Hadera, Kfar Sava and Petah Tikva.

Other properties on the list include the Florentine youth club in Tel Aviv, the Histadrut club in Jaffa, the Arab publishing house in Tel Aviv, the Rehovot Judo club, the Histadrut building in Kiryat Motzkin, the Ra'anana youth club, the Rishon LeZion youth club, a club and library in Petah Tikva, clubs in Tarshiha and Nesher, a lot in the Lod industrial zone, a nursery school in the Moshava Kinneret, a basketball court in Kfar Yona, three clubs and a library in Haifa, a

AROUND THE WORLD

Country	High	Low	Wind	Cloud
Americas	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Europe	55-65	35-45	W 10-15	partly
Japan	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
China	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
India	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
South Africa	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Israel	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
London	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Los Angeles	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Mexico	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
New York	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Paris	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
San Francisco	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Tel Aviv	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Tokyo	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Washington	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly
Zurich	65-75	45-55	W 10-15	partly

Winning cards & numbers
In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, king of hearts, 10 of diamonds and jack of clubs. In last night's weekly Loto drawing, the winning numbers were 2, 8, 10, 32, 35, 40 and the additional number was 38.

Secular burial bill moves forward

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Law Committee yesterday approved a bill that would allow secular burials for first reading.

The bill, by committee chairman Dedi Zuckler and Beany Temkin (Meretz), requires the Religious Affairs Ministry to allocate land for alternative burials, either in existing cemeteries or in new ones. The bill also stipulates that alternative burials will be performed by organizations recognized for this purpose by the ministry, which will set the licensing criteria. The ministry will also set the burial fees, to prevent commercialization of the burials.

Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret told the committee that four sites have already been located for alternative burial plots in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheva. In addition, he said, five kibbutzim have agreed to set up alternative burial societies. Shetret also told the committee that 18 private organizations have applied for licenses to perform alternative burials, of which four will be chosen. The licenses will be issued on March 15, he said.

Regarding fees, Shetret said he is recommending that alternative burial societies simply be paid whatever the religious burial societies are, and that the payments be made through the National Insurance Institute, as they are for religious burials.



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